

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

June 28, 2022



From Bob's Desk . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

These last days of June find our congregation enjoying the relaxed rhythms of the summertime, but still gathering to worship and traveling to camps, conferences, and mission destinations. Here are some of the things going on this summer:

- Coles Dwight, Will Fort, Bill Richardson, and Curt Spencer have just returned from a very meaningful mission trip to Puerto Rico, and they are excited about what Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is doing to help the people and what we can do to help these good efforts in the name of Jesus Christ. We look forward to hearing from them!
- This week Jessica and Joseph Bettinger, Joni Brown, Lauren Decker, and Hamilton Stoddard are attending workshops, playing instruments, singing in choirs, and planning worship services at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference near Asheville, North Carolina.
- Alexander, Ashley, and Gus Blum, Bonnie Disney, JD Dunn, and Taylor Geddings are packing their bags and boarding their plane for a mission trip to Costa Rica that begins this Wednesday, June 29, and lasts through July 6. Our prayers go with them!
- The Prayer Shawl ministry of our church is only four years old, but these devoted knitters gather in homes with needles in hand to create beautiful shawls and blankets to remind people of the presence of God in their lives. They even invited our non-knitting pastor to join them recently.
- A good group of church members of all ages have gathered on the last four Wednesdays of June to share a delicious meal followed by Bible study for youth and adults and activities for our children. It feels so good to dine together again!
- Our church officers did not meet in June, but the Deacons will gather for training on Monday, July 11, and the Session will have its stated monthly meeting on July 25.
- One final happening this summer will be a renovation of our playground which is scheduled for the last two weeks of July. We look forward to the improvements!

Our prayers continue to be with church members and friends who are receiving medical treatments, undergoing various surgeries, and recovering from illnesses throughout this summer. God bless you and keep you.

Love,

Bob

Sunday, July 3

Anthem: Denise Lynch, piano soloist, will play "America, the Beautiful" arranged by Thomas Keesecker

Elders: Liza Cooper, Norma Abbott

Assisting in Worship: Liza Cooper

Deacons: Debbie Jackson, Kathy Lyons

Sunday, July 10

Communion Anthem: Chancel Choir will sing "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name" by Bryan Jeffery Leech.

Offertory Anthem: Bella Land, soprano soloist, will sing "Laudate Dominum" by W. A. Mozart

Elders: Bill Richardson, Dan Spencer

Assisting in Worship: Bill Richardson

Deacons: Matthew Berger, Susan W. Osteen

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 3

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 4 ~ Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, JULY 10

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 11

6:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting McLaurin Room



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING RECEIVED

Applications for the Baker and West Scholarships are being received. These

scholarships are awarded to members of our church entering college this fall. The application deadline is noon on Monday, July 11.



Can't commit to a weekly rehearsal? Consider singing with the FPC SUMMER CHOIR! This multi-generational group meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to prepare a simple anthem for our 10:30 worship service. If you are new to the group, please come 15 minutes earlier, so that we can set you up with a robe and a folder.

Email Joni at jonibrown@fpcsumter.org or call the church office (803-773-3814) for more information.

The Church office will be closed
 Monday, July 4.



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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prisma Richland: Chuck Fienning

Covenant Place: Jennie Linn Duffie

Home: Caroline Sigmon,
 Bill Scobee, Robert Stage II (Son of
 Marta Stage)



CONGRATULATIONS to . . .

- . . . Parker McDuffie, who graduated from MUSC with a Doctor of Medicine degree;
- . . . Abby Hennen and Parker McDuffie, who were married on June 4, at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church;
- . . . Priscilla and John Dickey, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 23.



New FPC car decals
 have arrived and
 are available in front
 of the Church Office.
 Pick yours up today!!!

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Two Weeks Beginning June 12 and 19, 2022

	Received		2022 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
*Contributions	\$ 13,142.	\$ 390,532.	\$ 320,213.
Other Sources	\$ 89.	\$ 2,849.	\$ 56,143.
	\$ 13,231.	\$ 393,381.	\$ 376,356.